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# SUPREME COURT SHOWDOWN

## What you need to know about the health care case

### MCT

**WASHINGTON** The most controversial requirement in President Obama's health care law is that all Americans get health insurance. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court will hear arguments over whether this mandate is constitutional.

### How will the requirement work?

Starting in 2014, most Americans will have to get a health insurance plan that meets a basic set of standards or pay a penalty that will rise from \$95 in 2014 to \$695 in 2016. (The penalty for a family will be up to \$2,085 in 2016.)

Among those exempt from the mandate will be low-income Americans, American Indians and those with religious objections to medical coverage.

### Why is it in the law?

There is broad consensus among health policy and insurance experts that guaranteeing health insurance to everyone, as the law does, is nearly impossible without a way to induce younger, healthier people to

get covered and offset the cost of insuring older, sicker ones. The law also requires insurers to offer coverage to all Americans, even those with pre-existing medical conditions. Without a duty to get insurance, people could wait until they got seriously ill and then sign up for coverage.

### How can the federal government impose such a requirement?

The Constitution says Congress has the power to "regulate commerce" and to impose taxes to promote the general welfare. In the past, the court has upheld federal laws regulating all manner of business, from agriculture and aviation to who can be served at the corner coffee shop. The Obama administration argues that the new

insurance requirements are a regulation of commerce, and therefore well within Congress' power.

### Why do the challengers say it is unconstitutional?

The states and other plaintiffs challenging the mandate argue that Americans who do not get health insurance are not engaging in commerce. Therefore, they should be free from regulation by the federal government. The plaintiffs warn that if Congress can regulate inactivity, such as a decision not to get health insurance, the federal government might be able to require Americans to get other products, like broccoli or automobiles.

### How is the court likely to rule?

Since 1936, the high court has never struck down a major federal regulatory law on the grounds that Congress exceeded its power. And most legal experts think the court is likely to uphold the insurance mandate because of decades of precedent. But the five conservative justices also have consistently voiced concern about excessive federal power. And no federal law has ever required Americans to buy a product.

## Week's roundup

The Supreme Court scheduled three days of arguments this week on President Obama's sweeping health care law, which aims to provide health coverage to more than 30 million uninsured Americans. Monday was Day 1. Here's a summary of that along with the scheduled arguments for Tuesday and Wednesday.

**REUTERS**

### MONDAY

**At issue:** Whether the legal challenge to the law's centerpiece requirement that Americans obtain health insurance or pay a penalty must wait until after that provision, known as the "individual mandate," has taken effect in 2014.

### TUESDAY

**At issue:** Whether Congress overstepped its powers under the Constitution in adopting the individual mandate.

### WEDNESDAY

**First issue:** Whether the entire law must fall if the insurance mandate is found to be unconstitutional or if other parts can survive.

**Second issue:** Whether Congress has the authority to spend money to require that states expand the number of people eligible for the Medicaid program for the poor and disabled.



# How the CTA can aid your love life



GOING PUBLIC

**Tracy Swartz**

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If your relationship is not going in the right direction, perhaps it's because you're not commuting in the right direction.

A new study by Hong Kong researchers who conducted surveys in the U.S. and Hong Kong found that couples' marital satisfaction is greater when they travel to work in the same

direction, no matter what time the partners leave for work.

A couple of Chicago couples told RedEye they go out of their way to change their commute so they can have more time with their spouses because they like having someone to talk to on the train. Also, events during their shared commute give them something extra to chat about at home.

Mollie Rosario of Lakeview said she and her husband, Nelson, both take slightly slower and less direct routes so they can ride together to and from work. They both get on at the Belmont Brown Line stop and ride together for about 30 minutes to separate stops in the Loop.

Rosario, who has been married nearly two years, said her commute gives her quality time with her husband, who is in law school.

"It's kind of our time to be together and talk without the television and cellphones on," said Rosario, 29. "It's much more comfortable to sit next to someone you know."

Though she admits she sometimes would like to work the sudoku without distraction, Rosario said she finds that the QT she spends people-watching on the train with her husband generates conversation between them later.

Ziena Miller of Andersonville said the Red Line commute she shares with her husband also provides them something to talk about. Also, she said their coordinated schedule "keeps me on track and on time."

"It's definitely nice to have the quality time with him," Miller, 30, says of her husband of more than three years. "I would say we are very happy."

Joel Lozada, 28, says he's not as lucky. He and his wife both take the No. 65-Grand bus—in opposite directions. Lozada rides the bus downtown while his wife takes it to Harlem.

Lozada said his wife can be a bit jealous of his commute, and she occasionally requests they spend time downtown after work. But Lozada said he doesn't like to go downtown after hours since he's spent the work day there.

He said now more than ever, he wishes he could commute with his wife since she is in the early stages of pregnancy.

For her part, Rosario said she is "very happy" in her relationship. But she is concerned about what will happen in the summer, when her husband takes a job four days a week in Libertyville, which means they won't be commuting together.

"I was like, 'What is this going to do to us?'" Rosario said.

But she said her husband then vowed to make the ultimate Chicago sacrifice—he would accompany her on her commute on Fridays even though he doesn't have to work. Together they will ride to the Loop, just to keep in the loop.

## RED ON THE SKED

The CTA last week released its timetable for temporary station closures of seven northern Red Line stations that will be modernized. How will this affect your commute? Send an email to [tswartz@tribune.com](mailto:tswartz@tribune.com). Please include your full name, age and neighborhood.

## STATIONARY A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note

**This week:** Monroe Red Line

At this subway stop, the lights at the end of the tunnel shine the brightest. Though there are several light fixtures along the platform, they don't provide ample illumination. As a result, the Loop stop has a dark feel. One Monroe stop rider tweeted Thursday "Why is the Monroe Redline stop so dark? Needs better lighting...and a bath." The CTA sent its station upkeep teams, the "Renew Crews," recently to the Monroe stop, where they cleaned and relamped light fixtures throughout the mezzanines and on the platform, according to the CTA website. But on Friday, while storms pounded Chicago, it felt more ominous underground at the Monroe stop than on the streets.

**Next up:** Grand Red Line.

# RAIL TALK

Not everybody prefers a companion during his or her CTA commute (see the Going Public column to the left). So what do most people do during their bus or train rides to and from work? We asked RedEye readers on Facebook and Twitter to share their daily routines.



**f** You would catch me listening to music, reading a book, doing a puzzle (yeah, DOING) or a Sudoku on my DS Lite, and finally reading a paper ... especially the RedEye.  
—Keith Joaquin Oquendo

**f** Between listening to a doomsday prologizer, I just blast Spotify until I can get to my vanpool.  
—Dave Sorrell

**f** Listen to podcasts and try to avoid the Red Line stench.  
—Sean Courtne

**f** Listen to Queen, try my best not to touch anything on the Blue Line, rinse, repeat...  
—Shandira Clark

**f** Words with Friends... Boom! —Nathan Metrik

**f** Lick all the grab handles clean so other's won't pick up potential germs and get sick. I figure it's the least I could do.  
—Randy Hoover

**f** I get hit with students' book bags and women's multiple purses because the people have no idea how much space they take up due to them being out of the field of vision. —Jordan Patterson

**t** Sleeping! —@donbibly

**f** I listen to my music and drink my coffee hoping i will wake up before getting to work. —Becky Lugo



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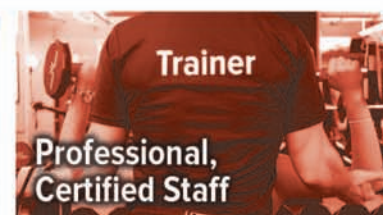


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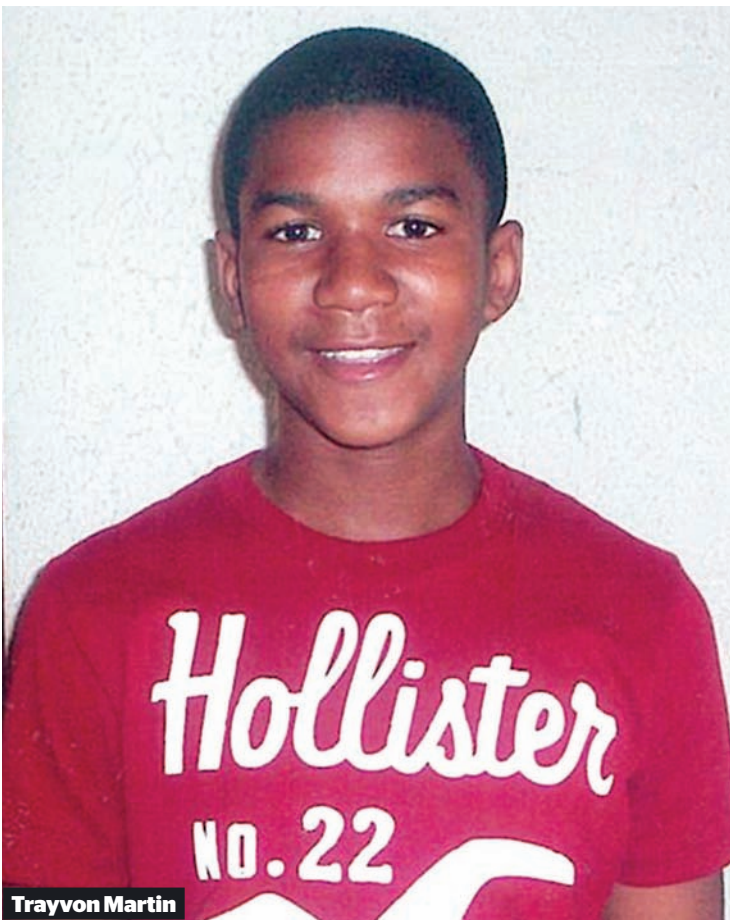
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# UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

NEW INVESTIGATION DETAILS COMPLICATE EMOTIONALLY CHARGED CASE



Trayvon Martin

## CNN

**SANFORD, Fla.** The core of Trayvon Martin's story has been told again and again in recent days—about how the 17-year-old went out to a Sanford, Fla., convenience store, only to be killed on his way back to his father's fiancée's home.

Yet one month later, questions persist as to exactly how and why that happened. The man who admitted shooting the teen has not been charged in connection to the case, much to the dismay of Martin's parents and thousands of strangers nationwide who have rallied behind them.

On Monday, the story continued to gain both complexity and clarity, because of the details of the account that Martin's shooter gave to police after the shooting.

George Zimmerman's description is outlined in an Orlando Sentinel article that cited "authorities" as the source of its information. The Sanford Police Department subsequently released a statement that confirmed the newspaper account "is consistent with the information provided to the State Attorney's office by the police department."

Zimmerman, a 28-year-old neighborhood watch volunteer, told police he was on his way to the grocery store when he saw Martin, a black male, walking through his gated community, according to the Sentinel report.

"Something's wrong with him," he told a 911 dispatcher, according to the contents of a call released last week. "Yep. He's coming to check me out. He's got something in his hands."

The teen started to run, Zimmerman said. When he

## What is the law?

Sanford authorities say they could not arrest George Zimmerman under Florida's "stand your ground" law, which allows people to use deadly force to defend themselves anywhere they feel a reasonable fear of death or serious injury. The evidence police had at the time didn't allow for an arrest, officials have said. **CNN**

said he was following the boy, the dispatcher told him, "We don't need you to do that."

Shortly afterward, neighbors began calling 911 to report an apparent altercation, then a gunshot.

The Orlando Sentinel report fills in some blanks, purportedly from Zimmerman's perspective, of what transpired in the meantime.

Zimmerman, according to the Sentinel report, later told police that he lost sight of Martin and was returning to his SUV when the teen approached him. The two exchanged words, according to Zimmerman, who said Martin then punched him in the nose.

On the ground, Zimmerman said he was repeatedly punched and had his head slammed into the sidewalk, according to the Sentinel report. He began yelling, he told police.

Previously released tapes of 911 calls included neighbors saying they had heard hearing screams—though it wasn't clear whether they came from Zimmerman or Martin.

Selma Mora Lamilla, for instance, told police in her 911 call that she did not hear any altercation, but did hear

## THE BIG PICTURE

The shooting death of Trayvon Martin has grabbed national headlines and renewed the conversation about race relations, gun laws and even how young men dress. It sparked a national furor that reached all the way to the White House, prompting President Obama last week to call for national soul-searching to discover how something so tragic could happen. Protests continued Monday, with rallies planned for major cities across the country. Here are other notable events since the incident occurred last month. **CNN, TRIBUNE**



**Geraldo Rivera** caused a stir when he claimed Martin's hoodie was as responsible for his death as the shooter.

ESPN has made an exception to its Twitter policy for the Martin case, permitting employees to wear hoodies in their online avatars after initially warning them not to take a political stance.

Players on the **Miami Heat**, the team located closest to Sanford, Fla., and one of the most popular teams in the league, took pictures of themselves last week wearing hoodies and posted them on Twitter. Both LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, the team's biggest stars, have posted about the incident.





as someone cried and “whimpered” before the shooting.

And Martin’s girlfriend was on the phone with him the entire time, according to a lawyer for the shooting victim’s family. Benjamin Crump said last week that the girl “completely blows Zimmerman’s absurd self-defense claim out of the water.”

What is evident is that, minutes after that Zimmerman’s first 911 call, police arrived at the scene.

They found Martin lying “face down in the grass,” according to a police report. He had been unarmed, carrying only a bag of Skittles candy and an iced tea.

A short time later, Martin was pronounced dead.

As to Zimmerman, “his back appeared to be wet and was covered in grass [and he] was also bleeding, from the nose and back of his head,” according to the same report.

Zimmerman was questioned, but has not been charged in the case.

This fact has triggered widespread uproar, apparent Monday with rallies in Pittsburgh; San Francisco; Houston; Atlanta; Indianapolis; Baltimore; Philadelphia; Detroit; Memphis, Tenn.; Iowa City, Iowa; and Sanford. Rallies also were held in Chicago over the weekend.

In Sanford, a regularly scheduled city commission meeting turned into a forum focused on the Martin case. Near its start, Rev. Al Sharpton presented a petition that he said had been signed by 2 million people calling for Zimmerman’s arrest.

He was one of several speakers who called for answers and accountability for police officers who they felt bungled the case by not testing Zimmerman for alcohol and drug levels and not doing a background check on him—even though they did both for the victim.

“The Sanford police department needs to be held accountable,” said an emotional Tracy Martin, Trayvon’s father.

Martin’s family and supporters have said that they believe race played a role in the shooting. Zimmerman is a white Hispanic. His family says he has been mistakenly portrayed as racist.



Pastor Jamal Bryant (from left), Rev. Al Sharpton, and parents of Trayvon Martin, Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, stand Monday during a Sanford City Commission meeting in Sanford, Fla. **REUTERS**

On Monday, Martin’s supporters continued to insist that Zimmerman should be held responsible for Martin’s death—saying the teen would be alive today if Zimmerman had simply followed the 911 dispatcher’s instructions to stay away.

In addition to the investigation led by State Attorney Angela Corey, the state’s governor has formed a task force to review the state’s “stand your ground” law. The Justice Department also is investigating.

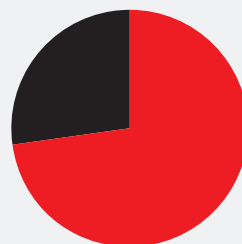
The neighborhood where Zimmerman was volunteering in the watch program also could face a lawsuit, the National Association of Black Journalists said, citing Martin family attorney Daryl Parks.

Even with the shooter’s account clear, authorities still are working to piece together the details from Feb. 26.

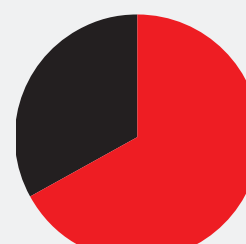
“Right now, we have too many unanswered questions,” Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi said Monday.

## NATIONAL RESPONSE

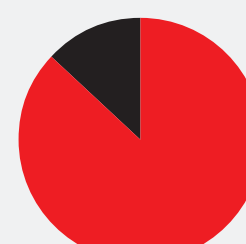
Nearly three out of four Americans say the police should arrest George Zimmerman, according to a CNN/ORC International poll released Monday. Here is the breakdown, as provided by CNN.



**73%**  
overall say he should  
be arrested



**67%**  
of whites say he should  
be arrested



**86%**  
of non-whites say he should  
be arrested



Declaring that “If I had a son, he’d look like Trayvon,” **President Obama** on Friday joined the heated national debate over Martin’s death.



Democrats on the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee are scheduled to hold an unofficial hearing Tuesday on Capitol Hill seeking to bring attention to the Justice Department probe.

The case has rippled across the nation and prompted rallies protesting the failure of the police to arrest the shooter and, more broadly, a pattern of racial discrimination that black leaders cite in Sanford, Fla., and elsewhere in the country.



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Mayor Emanuel speaks during a news conference Monday. GETTY IMAGES

# 'Ground war' on gangs

## Top cop, mayor show united front during deadly stretch

### Chicago Tribune

One week after dozens of people were shot in a deadly outburst of street violence, Mayor Emanuel and police Superintendent Garry McCarthy sought Monday to assure the public they are focused on combating gang crime.

The announcement of a gang crackdown on the West Side was the first joint appearance by Emanuel and McCarthy since news broke that 10 people were fatally shot over the March 17-18 weekend, including a 6-year-old girl. Police say gangs largely are responsible for the violent start to 2012 in Chicago, which has seen fatal and nonfatal shootings on the rise.

Authorities said eight guns and about

\$1.6 million in illegal drugs were recovered as part of an investigation with the Drug Enforcement Administration to target gang activity in Lawndale. They also announced drug-related charges against 15 people in nearby Austin after a two-month investigation.

Although last weekend's violence was largely concentrated on the South and Southwest sides, McCarthy and the mayor portrayed the West Side arrests as part of a broader approach to drug and gang violence that still is being developed.

"The idea is to fight this like a ground war and you take it spot by spot by spot and hold on to it and fill that void with police, community and resources to prevent the backslide of that community," McCarthy said. He said that if drug crime is allowed to seep back into neighborhoods, "we're doomed to failure."

Emanuel used a refrain frequently cited by Chicago mayors in the face of the city's seemingly intractable gang problem—residents must

### THE MAYOR'S BACK

Mayor Emanuel, who was on vacation last week when news of the violence broke, noted he attended services this past weekend for Aliyah Shell, 6, who was sitting with her mother on the family's Little Village porch when she was shot. "I sat there hugging the mother, both on Saturday and at the wake on Sunday. There's nothing I can say but [provide] the warmth of a hug," he said.

do more to help authorities reclaim the streets.

"The first line in protecting a neighborhood is a community. It is not the police department," Emanuel said.

When asked what the spate of violence last week said about his strategy for combating gangs, Emanuel said, "There are days you make progress, and there are days you wish clearly would have never happened."

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Current price of a gallon of regular in the suburbs

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### EXPRESS LINES

- » Former President Bill Clinton is slated to be the opening speaker when Nobel Peace laureates arrive in Chicago next month, The Associated Press reports.
- » Illinois Lottery officials said Monday that the first day of online lottery tickets brought in more than \$15,000 in sales.
- » Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's Ravenswood Manor home has been taken off the market.
- » Apple reseller MacMall hosts its grand opening at 329 W. Grand Ave. at 10 a.m. Saturday. Its three other locations are in Southern California and offer Mac and PC products, free seminars and on-site repair. **TRIBUNE**





Various items allegedly stolen over a two-year period by a Lincoln Park man are seen Monday. Hundreds of items valued at about \$500,000 are available for recovery this week by victims who can prove ownership. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

# Lincoln Park property bust

## Burglarized in the past two years? Police might have your stuff

### Chicago Tribune

Chicago police officials have put hundreds of stolen items worth more than \$500,000 on display at the Town Hall District police station hoping to find their way back to their owners.

The items were recovered from a Lincoln Park apartment recently after police executed search warrants and arrested Jicheng Liu, 32,

who was charged with a felony for his role in the operation, and with felony cyber-stalking, authorities said.

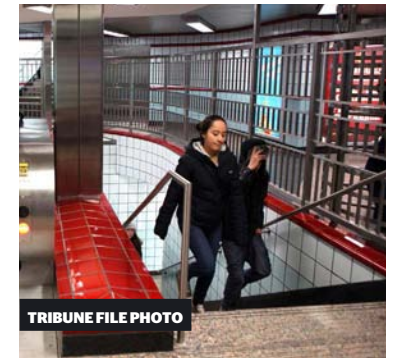
Liu is suspected of running an elaborate fencing operation with truckloads of high-end, stolen merchandise, officials said.

Following a months-long joint investigation by the Chicago Police Department, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Cook County state's attorney's office, Liu was arrested earlier this month after authorities executed a warrant on a home in the 1700 block of West Altgeld Street and confiscated truckloads of

merchandise believed to have been stolen.

Anyone who has been the victim of a garage or vehicle burglary on the North Side dating back to 2010 is encouraged to attend and identify the stolen items, police said. Receipts and/or proof of ownership will be required to claim property, police said.

Anyone who believes their items may have been stolen can go to the Town Hall District station, 850 West Addison St., to view the items from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Friday. On Saturday, people can go to the station from 8 a.m.-noon, officials said.



## Transit officials warn of major funding losses

The Chicago region's public transit system would lose \$1.2 million a day in federal gas tax revenue—the equivalent of two new buses—if Congress fails to prevent the Saturday expiration of the nation's transportation spending legislation, transportation officials warned Monday.

Projects that would be potentially threatened include the CTA's plan to rehabilitate stations on the north branch of the Red Line, Metra's program to install new switching equipment on the Milwaukee District Line to reduce delays and Pace's purchase of coach buses for its bus-on-shoulder service on expressways and possibly the Illinois Tollway, according to the Regional Transportation Authority.

## Speaking of Chicago transit trouble ...

Red Line subway trains were rerouted to elevated tracks for a brief period Monday morning after someone smelled smoke in the subway, officials said. The CTA received the report of a smoke smell in the subway at 7:55 a.m. and made the decision to re-route trains to elevated tracks between Fullerton and Cermak-Chinatown.

## Driver charged in law student's death

A woman had a blood-alcohol level double the legal limit when she struck and killed a Northwestern University law student over the weekend, Cook County prosecutors said Monday. Jesse Bradley, 32, was hit at North LaSalle and Division Streets about 2:30 a.m.

## Body pulled from Lake Michigan

Chicago Fire Department divers pulled a body from Lake Michigan near North Avenue on Monday, a department spokesman said. Fire and police rescue crews were called to 1350 N. Lake Shore Drive to check on a person in the water about 11:30 a.m.

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### QUOTABLE

We're proud to recognize these young leaders for their contributions to the food and wine industry."

—Chris Walsh, managing editor of food site **zogat.com**, which on Monday unveiled its list of Chicago's "30 Under 30" in the food industry. The full list is at **blog.zogat.com**.



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**1 Keeping watch**  
A former Taliban fighter looks on during a ceremony in Herat province Monday after joining Afghan government forces. **GETTY IMAGES**



**2 Fueling the fire**  
Student protesters burn tires Monday during a demonstration in Makassar, Indonesia, against the government's plans to raise fuel prices. **REUTERS**



**3 Strike one**  
Lightning streaks across the skyline Monday during heavy rain in Bangkok. **GETTY IMAGES**

# Wife defends man accused of massacre

**4 WASHINGTON** The wife of a U.S. Army sergeant accused of killing 17 Afghan civilians this month said she does not believe her husband could have carried out the massacre and that she was confident he was fine before his latest deployment.

Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, a decorated 38-year-old veteran of four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, was charged last week with 17 counts of murder for killing eight adults and nine children and six counts each of assault and attempted murder for attacking two other adults and four children.

The incident in southern Afghanistan has further strained U.S.-Afghan relations after more than 10 years of war.

Karilyn Bales, speaking publicly for the first time since the March 11 shootings in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, said in an interview aired on NBC's "Today" show on Monday that she firmly does not believe her husband was involved in the attack.

"I don't think anything will ever really change my mind in believing that he did not do this, that this is not what it appears to be," she told NBC.

"I just don't think he was involved. I don't know enough information. This is not him. It's not him."

Bales is being held at Leavenworth military prison in Kansas, where his wife has spoken with him twice by telephone.



## WHERE IS SHE?

It was not clear where **Karilyn Bales** was, and NBC would not disclose the interview location. She and the couple's two children have been moved into military lodging at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, Wash., and her once-bright and happy blog about her pregnancy and life with their first child has now been blocked from public view. **GETTY IMAGES**

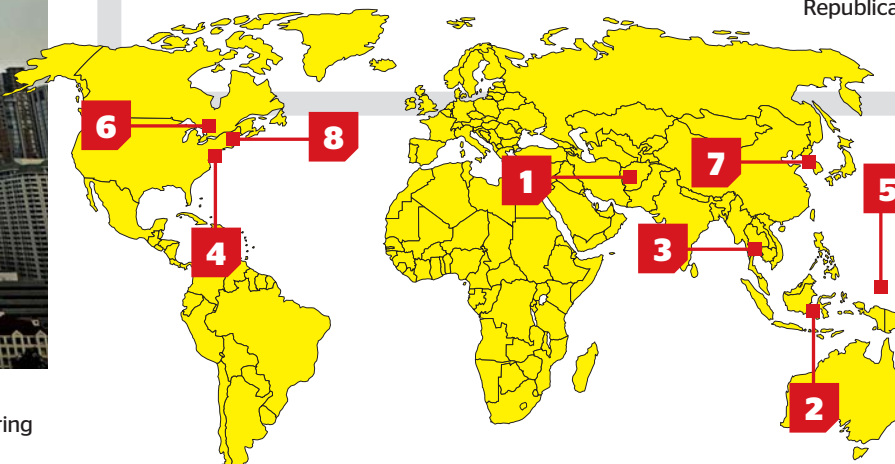
"He seemed a bit confused as to where he was and why he was there," she said of his detention, adding that she did not directly ask him if or how he was involved in the killing spree.

**5 Cameron tweets from ocean floor**  
"Titanic" director James Cameron has completed the world's first solo dive to the deepest-known point on Earth, reaching the bottom of the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench in a specially designed submarine. "Hitting bottom never felt so good," he tweeted. "Can't wait to share what I'm seeing w/ you."

**6 Canadian court: Let there be brothels**  
Ontario's top court has legalized brothels, saying Canadian prostitution laws unfairly discriminate against prostitutes and their ability to work in safe environments. The court stopped short of allowing prostitutes to openly solicit customers on the streets.

**7 Open mic catches Obama comment**  
President Obama told Russian President Dmitry Medvedev during a meeting in Seoul, South Korea, that he will have greater flexibility "after my election" to work out differences with Russia over a planned U.S. missile defense system in Europe. The remarks were picked up by microphones and drew criticism from Republicans.

**8 Can you switch my carrier now?**  
The average cellphone customer now switches carriers as soon as his or her second two-year contract is up. That startling decline in loyalty is causing wireless companies to rethink the way they price their services, according to a new study released Monday.



THE DIGIT

## 1.3 million

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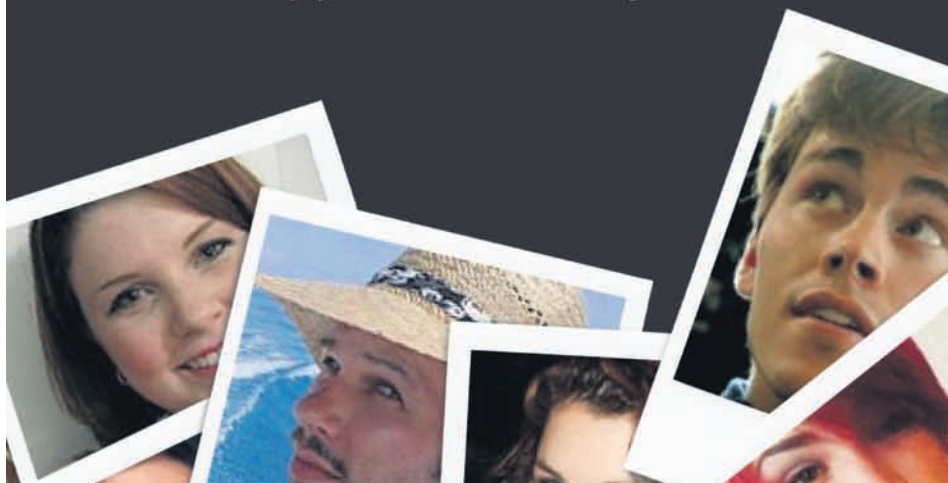
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## Denver 108, Bulls 91

Derrick Rose sat out for the seventh straight game as the Bulls (40-11) lost to the Nuggets on Monday at the United Center. Rose, meanwhile, said Monday that his back spasms, turf toe and right groin problem are "probably" related. **TRIBUNE**

### Tom Thibodeau

Between all the screaming he does and the film study he demands, guys would play hard just to make it stop. And, um, his track record of coaching defense doesn't hurt, either.

### Weather

It's 85 degrees one day and 40 the next in this city. Planning one's wardrobe is a tall order here, which demands that players focus before they even leave the house.

### LeBron James

Well, the Miami Heat in general. These Bulls can't rest until they conquers their current playoff nemesis. Only a month until the title push REALLY starts ...

### Luvabulls

With these lovely ladies bouncing all over the court, it takes a focused player to

keep one's mind on the game. Same goes for the Matadors, in a manner of speaking.

### Traffic

Rose's fender bender March 13 on the Kennedy Expressway is an important reminder to stay alert behind the wheel. Buckle up and watch your speed, gentlemen.

# Mental marvels

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## Why the shorthanded Bulls just keep rolling

### RedEye

Coaches from Bulls opponents continue to be impressed with how the team has played despite injuries to key players, including reigning league MVP

Derrick Rose.

"When you have a group and a guy like Derrick Rose who is your leader, who is your hardest worker ... that's infectious," said Toronto coach Dwane Casey, whose team lost to the Bulls in overtime Saturday. "And [Coach] Tom [Thibodeau] and that staff have done a great job growing that team and hav-

ing mental toughness to be where they are now."

Other coaches—including Philadelphia's Doug Collins, Indiana's Frank Vogel and Boston's Doc Rivers—have voiced similar sentiments.

So what makes the Bulls mentally tough? We have some ideas.

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# Wins aren't best bet for Hawks



**Alex Quigley**

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I bet my editor is going to headline this "Rooting To Lose" so it really pops off the page. (Editor's note: I considered it.)

The Blackhawks sit comfortably as the No. 6 seed in the Western Conference. After a particularly ugly loss to Nashville on Sunday, it's understandable that many Hawks fans want a trail of undefeated,

blood-stained ice for the rest of the regular season. But I think we'd be better off if the Hawks finish on a "meh" note.

The highly underrated **sportsclubstats.com** (using more than 1 billion weighted simulations of the rest of the NHL regular season!) predicts the Blackhawks will make the playoffs with 100 percent certainty if they can reach 97 points. At 95 points, it's a 99.9 percent certainty. They're at 92 points now with six games to play.

As it stands, the Blackhawks would face the Pacific Division winner in the opening round—a toss-up between four mediocre teams. But if the Hawks go on a tear and somehow leapfrog Nashville and/or Detroit into the fourth or fifth slot: congratulations! They've won an opening-round showdown with one of the two toughest teams in the league!

And before you worry about home ice, consider how third-seeded, home-ice-havin' teams have fared in the first round since the NHL lockout: They've only won half of the 12 matchups. And of the four possible Pacific winners, only San Jose has anything closely resembling strong home-ice play this year.

The best case scenario for the Blackhawks to hoist the Cup again this June? Beating an inferior opponent in five or six games in the first round, and leaving the Red Wings and Predators to bloody each other for six or seven games. And the Hawks can get there by continuing to rest Jonathan Toews, coping with the suspension of Duncan Keith and generally healing up for the next two weeks.

It's not glorious or perhaps even fun, but it's the way the playoff seeding game is played. Root for the smart play, Blackhawks fans. Root for May and June.

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These five fought off a case of the Mondays. We're not sure how. But vote for your favorite by texting "tues" followed by the number next to your choice to **87708**.



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**1 Let's have your Final Four prediction.**

Kentucky over Kansas. Anthony Davis browbeats the Jayhawks.

Katniss and Peeta.

Somebody will cut Anthony Davis' eyebrows, dropping him down to Carlos Boozer-like abilities.

I'm taking the team with the redneck fanbase over the team with the redneck fanbase.

Two victorious teams, countless college kids stumbling down Bourbon Street, hammered on Hurricanes.

**2 What's been your favorite part of the NCAA Tournament so far?**

Charles Barkley, who never lets making sense get in the way of a good rant.

1943. Goooo DePaul!!

Remember that time Duke played only one game? That was fun.

Lesley Visser's daily struggle to mold her face into eternal life.

The omnipresent Allstate Mayhem commercials. I love that crazy guy!

**3 The Illini will hire a men's basketball coach when they ...**

... open the search to actors who played coaches. It's down to you, Rhea Perlman.

... get a basketball program.

... can get Chief Illiniwek to take the job seriously.

... finally realize the coaching prowess of "Hang Time's" head coach, Reggie Theus.

... figure out which "source" can't stop blabbing about their search.

**4 Tiger Woods notched his first PGA Tour win since 2009 this weekend. Congratulate him.**

"Well done. Oh, that's right, you don't celebrate wins. You basically Tiger-mommed yourself."

"Congrats, Tiger. This is the first time you scored less than anyone in years."

"Dear Tiger: On behalf of all sidechicks and mistresses, we congratulate you on getting your stroke back."

"Congratulations! (Going to shake hand) Psych! (Yup. 1987 says hello.)"

"You finally remembered how to close! Here's your coffee."

**5 If not a bad back, why has Kerry Wood pitched so infrequently lately?**

The Spurs' coach officially listed Tim Duncan as "old" on an NBA lineup card. Thinking something like that.

They have to keep him fresh for the playoffs.

Kerry Wood is just taking it easy until we get mathematically eliminated around mid-May.

The Cubs are saving his arm for that intense September series that will decide fifth place.

He's been very busy with "Mad Men" and "Game of Thrones" DVD marathons.

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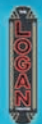
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# SET IN STONE?

## NFL RULES MIGHT BE A-CHANGIN'—AND THAT'S FINE WITH THE BEARS

The NFL will witness plenty of waves as the league holds meetings at an oceanfront resort this week, but the Bears are not likely to cause any of them.

Bears Chairman George McCaskey said the team likely will support almost all of the recommendations of the competition committee. The one exception may be the proposal for roster expansion.

The league is considering increasing the offseason roster to 90 players from 80. Many owners have been against a larger roster because it's more expensive and makes for a more chaotic training camp.

"The stated reason to expand the roster is to develop players," said McCaskey, who clearly was leaning against voting for the rule. "We're not sure that goal will be achieved."

Other than that, however, the Bears appear to be on board with the committee's proposals. Here is RedEye's take on three of them.

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### RULE

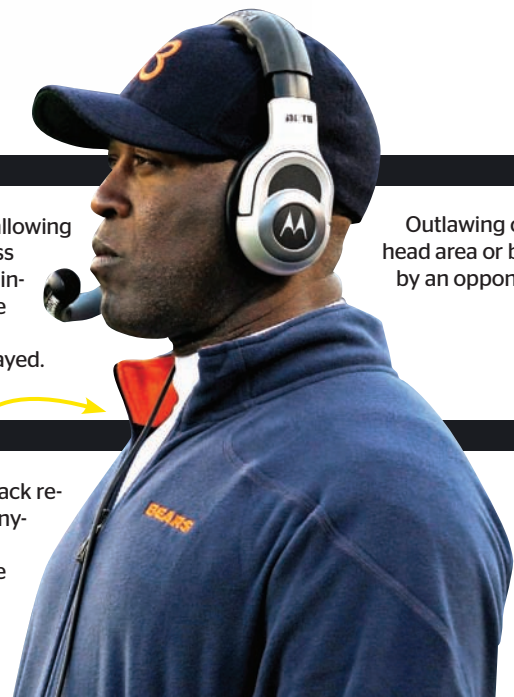
Making overtime a multi-possession affair in the regular season. Last year the NFL adopted a rule that allowed each team a possession in the post-season unless the first one ended in a touchdown.

The league will consider allowing a replay official in the press box to make the final call, instead of the referee on the field. And every turnover will be automatically replayed.

### WE SAY

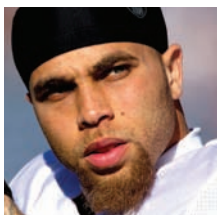
Having conflicting rules for overtime is odd, but what was wrong with the old one? Teams shouldn't whine about losing on a field goal—they should stop their opponent from getting in range in the first place.

Given **Lovie Smith's** track record for challenges, anything that takes them out of his hands is fine by us.



Outlawing contact to the head area or being blocked by an opponent headfirst.

Concussions are a menace. 'Nuff said.



### Knox a long way from ready

Bears receiver **Johnny Knox**, who is recovering from December spinal fusion surgery, is scheduled to start the regular season on the physically-unable-

to-perform list, according to Tribune sources. There is a chance Knox won't play in 2012, but placing him on the PUP list merely means he'd have to sit out the first six weeks of the regular season.



### THE MOUTHWATCH

If you guys are looking for a story, I'm not going to give you one. I've had [coach Mike Brown's] back the whole season; I can't start doing something crazy now. It wouldn't make no sense."

—L.A. Lakers guard **Kobe Bryant**, on being benched in the fourth quarter of his team's loss Sunday

### THE DIGIT

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That's what St. Louis outfielder Carlos Beltran paid for Jonathon Niese, a N.Y. Mets pitcher, to get a nose job. The two were teammates in July when Beltran offered to foot the bill, and Niese underwent the rhinoplasty in October.





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- 21 Jump Street (R) 11:40,12:20,3:00,3:30,6:00,6:50,9:00,9:40
- Casa de Mi Padre (R) 11:30,2:00,4:50,7:10,9:30
- A Thousand Words (PG-13) 11:50,5:00,10:00
- A Thousand Words (PG-13) (Open captioned) 2:30,7:20
- Silent House (R) 2:50,5:30,8:20,10:35
- Safe House (R) 2:15,11:00

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- The Artist (PG-13) 5:15,7:30,9:50

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- The Hunger Games (PG-13) ♦ 10:30,11:00,11:45,1:50,2:20,2:50,3:15,5:20,5:50,6:30,7:00,9:00,9:30,10:00
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- Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 10:40,1:30,4:15,7:15,10:10
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) 11:40,2:00,4:40,7:20,10:15
- AMC Independent Casa de Mi Padre (R) 11:10,1:45,4:30,7:05,9:40
- Silent House (R) 10:25,12:50,3:10,5:35,8:00,10:35
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- The Artist (PG-13) 5:30,7:50,10:00
- Safe House (R) 7:10,9:30
- Chronicle (PG-13) 5:40,7:40,9:40

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- Project X (R) 11:00,1:40,4:05,6:20,8:45,11:00
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- Act of Valor (R) 11:05,4:55,10:45
- AMC Independent Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 10:15,12:30,2:50,5:05,7:25,9:50
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- AMC Independent Friends With Kids (R) 11:25,2:05,4:50,7:40,10:25
- AMC Independent Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 11:00,1:40
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) ♦ 11:30,1:55,4:15,6:40,8:50,11:00
- AMC Independent Casa de Mi Padre (R) ♦ 11:45,2:15,4:40,7:10,9:35
- Silent House (R) 10:55 P.M.
- Monumental: In Search of America's National Treasure Live (NR) 6:30 P.M.
- AMC Independent Love (NR) 1:50,7:45
- A Thousand Words (PG-13) 12:30,5:10,10:15
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) 10:10,12:30,2:50
- John Carter 3D (PG-13) ♦ 10:00,1:00,4:00,7:05,10:20
- 21 Jump Street (R) 10:35,11:35,1:15,2:15,3:50,5:15,6:30,8:15,9:30,11:00
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- The Hunger Games (PG-13) 10:00,10:30,11:05,12:20,12:55,1:30,2:05,2:40,3:55,4:30,5:05,5:40,6:15,7:30,8:05,8:40,9:15,9:50,11:00
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- Act of Valor (R) 12:10,5:25,10:50
- AMC Independent Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 10:50,1:20,3:50,6:20,8:50
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- AMC Independent Casa de Mi Padre (R) 11:55,2:30,5:00,8:30,11:00
- Silent House (R) 3:00,8:20
- The Hunger Games: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) 11:40,3:15,6:50,10:25
- A Thousand Words (PG-13) 1:25,10:00
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) 10:15,12:45,3:15,5:45,8:15,10:45
- John Carter 3D (PG-13) 10:00,4:25,11:00
- 21 Jump Street (R) 10:25,12:15,12:30,3:10,4:15,6:05,7:10,9:00,10:05

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- Seeking Justice (R) 1:15,10:15
- 21 Jump Street (R) 1:20,1:50,4:10,4:50,7:10,7:50,9:50,10:30
- Friends With Kids (R) 1:10,3:50,6:30,9:20
- John Carter (PG-13) 1:05,10:45
- John Carter 3D (PG-13) 4:15,7:35
- Silent House (R) 1:10,3:30,5:40,7:50,10:25
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) 4:30,10:05
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) 2:00,7:30
- Project X (R) 1:30,3:50,6:40,9:20
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- Safe House (R) 11:15,4:45,10:20
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- Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 10:40,1:40,4:35,7:35,10:35
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- Project X (R) 11:45,2:20,4:50,7:35,10:00
- Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (PG-13) 6:45,9:30
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) 11:00,1:25,4:10
- AMC Independent Casa de Mi Padre (R) 11:10,1:45,4:05,6:30,9:00
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- John Carter 3D (PG-13) 1:10,4:10,7:20,10:20
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) 12:50 P.M.
- 21 Jump Street (R) ★ 1:40,4:20,7:15,10:00
- Project X (R) (Closed caption) 1:20,3:40,6:40,9:15
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- Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 2:10,5:00,7:50,10:50
- Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) (Closed caption) 2:20,4:50,7:10,9:30
- Casa de Mi Padre (R) ★ 1:45,4:00,6:50,9:20
- Monumental: In Search of America's National Treasure Live (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.

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- Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) 12:20,2:25,4:30,6:35,8:40
- John Carter 3D (PG-13) 1:10,6:50,9:40
- 21 Jump Street (R) ★ 12:05,2:30,4:55,7:20,9:45

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- The Artist (PG-13) 11:20,4:45,10:25
- The Hunger Games (PG-13) 11:00,11:45,1:35,2:15,3:00,4:45,5:30,6:15,8:00,8:45,9:30
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- Footnote (PG) 1:45,4:30,7:05,9:40
- The Kid With a Bike (PG-13) 12:45,3:05,5:25,7:45,10:05
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) 12:25,2:45,5:00,7:25,9:45
- John Carter 3D (PG-13) 11:30,2:35,5:45,8:45



# Musical therapy

Susan Justice works through past writing 'Eat Dirt'

By Matt Pais

REDEYE SOUND BOARD

When Susan Justice says writing her debut album, "Eat Dirt," was "like therapy," she's not blowing smoke.

The singer-songwriter, the second eldest of 10 children, grew up as part of a cult known as The Family. "Eat Dirt," which dropped Monday, remains widely accessible while chronicling Justice's youth spent traveling the world and being told what she could think and read and listen to—and her ultimate decision to set out on her own.

After leaving The Family, Justice (not her real name) busked in New York subway stations, where a nonprofit organization heard her and in 2007 helped her land a performance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." "That was like 'Inception,'" Justice says. "It was like a dream within a dream."

Justice talks about her unique past, music and holding back tears for Winfrey.

**Growing up, you consumed culture—books, music and more—in secret, hiding things under your bed. Were you ever caught?**

[Laughs.] Oh yeah. Actually I was caught, because I used to stay up at night and read Greek mythology in the bathroom with the light on. And so one time my mom came in and I was reading it and she was just like, "What are you doing?" It was that and a psychology textbook. I was like 12. [Laughs.] And I was like, "This is so cool!" It was a frickin' psychology textbook. And she was like, "Don't read this! 'Cause all those people are crazy!" So that was a big deal. I was so pissed that they caught me.

**When you decided to set out on your own, what was the straw that broke the camel's back?**

Well, we were all in New York and we all flew to Germany and I actually fell in love with a guy in New York and I didn't want to leave. I didn't like the fact that growing up we traveled so much, that it was really hard to keep friendships. So I was just like, "I can't do this anymore." ... That was one of the hardest decisions I ever had to make 'cause my brothers and sisters, we're all very close and they didn't

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- » Watch Susan Justice perform an acoustic version of "Eat Dirt."
- » What's the strangest thing Justice has eaten? It's not dirt.

want me to go.

**Why aren't there more songs out there now that emphasize lyrics?**

Things evolve and things go in a cycle when it comes to music. Right now maybe people are really feeling like they want people to convey things more through the emotion or through the beat of the song, where they want to forget about their problems, they just want to go and dance. And other people are more poetic-driven and they want to hear something that's more in depth with a story. It also depends on the listener, what people are in the mood for.

**So people who really connected with "My Humps" may want to write to us and complain.**

I love that song by the way. [Laughs.] I was just listening to it the other day.

**You've been playing guitar since you were 6 or 7. With all that experience, how badly would you demolish Jimmy Page or Slash in a competition?**

I wouldn't really go head-to-head with those guys. I'm more of a rhythm guitarist. I can shred a little bit, but I keep that under wraps. That's like my singing in the shower.

**About five years ago you performed a song about Oprah to Oprah. Tell me what that was like.**

It was such an emotional experience because they had this video that they played before I went on that I was talking about my life, so when I finally went on stage to perform everyone in the audience was crying. Oprah's eyes were watery and I was like trying not to cry while singing to her a song about her on stage.

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## music

# Buckle up for the latest mission to Mars Volta

By Matt Pais

REDEYE SOUND BOARD

The Mars Volta isn't an easy band to recommend to a casual music fan. "You'll totally love them ... if you don't mind song titles like 'Lapochka' and abstract lyrics and non-linear structures and prog-rock albums that require about 10-30 listens to feel digested."

Guess what? I really like the group in spite of Cedric Bixler-Zavala's disinterest in comprehensible lyricism and Omar Rodriguez-Lopez's unceasing solo output. As usual, "Noctourniquet" begins with a bit of an exhausting primer to the record, challenging listeners to jump off now before the boat gets too far from shore. But the stuttering time signature of opener "The Whip Hand" is far from the album's strangest moment.

"In Absentia" features clattering collisions of background howls and cymbals that seem to be sailing around your head, evoking an eerie sense of wandering at the edge of the universe that gives way to a drifting calm. First single "The Malkin Jewel" remains tough to wrangle and a bit unpleasant no matter how many times you try it on, while the abrasive "Imago" and spooky, echoing "Trinkets Pale of Moon" can't compare to the riveting energy of the furious, spiral energy found in highlights like "Molochwalker" and "Dyslexicon." And the patiently developing

Noctourniquet

The Mars Volta



Omar Rodriguez-Lopez and Cedric Bixler-Zavala of the Mars Volta

"Vedamalady" reveals an increased (if rare) willingness to build and layer with a delicate approach that wouldn't end a Jenga game on the second move.

"If I trust in the wind, she will pave me a different road," Bixler-Zavala sings in the unusually pretty, soothing "Empty Vessels Make the Loudest Sound." While "Noctourniquet" isn't as consistently thrilling as the Mars Volta's best ("The Bedlam in Goliath," "De-Loused in the Comatorium"), but I'm happy to follow them and figure out where the devil they're going.

# Madonna's 'MDNA'? No way

By Ernest Wilkins

REDEYE SOUND BOARD

I'm not going to mince words here. Madonna's 13th studio album sounds exactly like what it is: a 53-year-old woman clinging to the last shreds of a culture that has passed her by, come back, and passed her by again.

Unlike her last "comeback" album, "Confessions on a Dance Floor," this release lacks any sort of gravity, purpose or even catchy singles. However, if you look at the record as a solid "hit all current pop music trends" bingo card, it's pretty impressive. Dubstep-inspired bass drops? Check ("Superstar" and "Some Girls"). Street cred features from pop's current "bad girls" Nicki Minaj and M.I.A.? Indeed (On "Gimme All Your Luvin").

This is the soundtrack for a wild night out ... if the last time you saw the inside of a club

was around 1993.

"Some Girls" and "I Don't Give A" stand out as fun,

dance-along, disposable pop that can and will be remixed into oblivion. The song "Falling Free" (the entire track is a loosely hidden reference to her divorce from British director Guy Ritchie) is honest and transparent, which is always appreciated from pop artists. Still, it completely throws a wrench into the up-tempo progression of the album and is especially jarring after hearing six or seven songs about being a stone-cold party monster.

Sit this dance out, folks.



MDNA  
Madonna





## Fellowes: Cameron's 'Titanic' unfair

### The Wrap

"Downton Abbey" creator Julian Fellowes says James Cameron took liberties he shouldn't have in "Titanic," wrongly portraying the ship's first officer as a coward.

Fellowes said he will set the record straight on William Murdoch, first officer on RMS Titanic, in his new four-part miniseries on the 1912 disaster that debuts at 7 p.m. April 14 on ABC.

Cameron's Oscar-winning 1997 blockbuster—due for a 3-D re-release next month—portrayed Murdoch as a coward who shot passengers before taking his own life. Fellowes told Britain's Radio Mag that in fact Murdoch, who went down with the ship when she sank after hitting an iceberg, was credited with launching the lifeboats that saved 75 percent of the survivors.

"That was very unfair how Murdoch was depicted. He wasn't cowardly," Fellowes said. "He fired the pistol to just stop a potential riot. It was suddenly getting out of hand, and he fired it in the air. That's not being cowardly."

"I don't think you can just say, 'Well, we'll make this guy a villain—he'll do.'"

In 1998, "Titanic" studio Twentieth Century Fox gave \$8,000 to a fund commemorating Murdoch after his family and neighbors



Brian McCauley plays First Officer William Murdoch in the new 'Titanic' miniseries. ABC PHOTO

objected to the movie's portrayal of him.

"I don't think you can take someone who was moral and decent and make them do something immoral and indecent. I would feel uncomfortable doing that," Fellowes told the magazine. "So we do have Murdoch, and we have him firing a pistol. ... [but] there is a little bit of setting the record straight."

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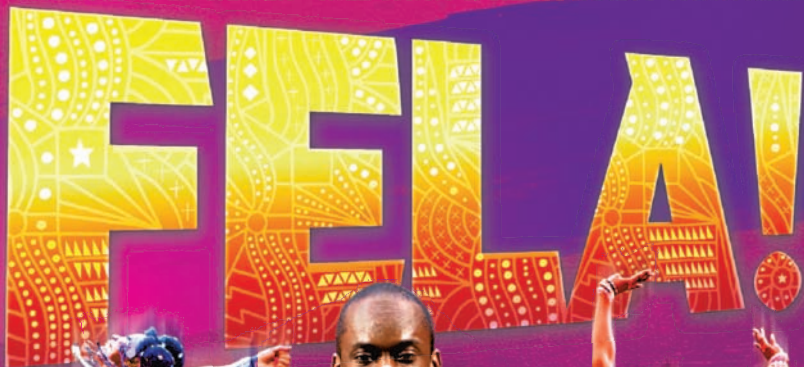


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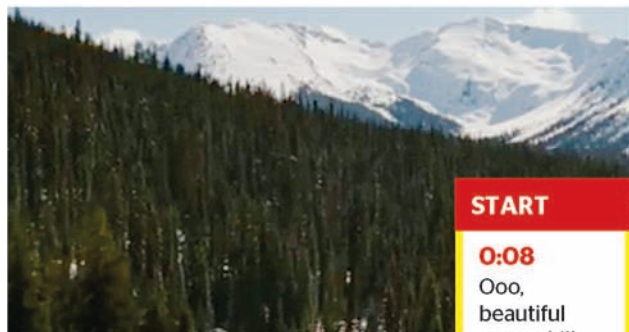
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# Final sunset

## Breaking down the first teaser trailer for 'Breaking Dawn: Part 2'

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Terrible pop-culture confession: I have, in fact, never seen or read a single "Twilight" movie or novel. Nonetheless, the teaser trailer for "Breaking Dawn: Part 2" had me somewhat rapt with attention when I saw it in theaters last weekend (maybe it was the fact that "The Hunger Games" was about to start). Here's a scene-by-scene reaction to the world's first look at our very last dalliance with Edward and Bella. [DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM) | [@REDEYEDANA](https://twitter.com/REDEYEDANA)

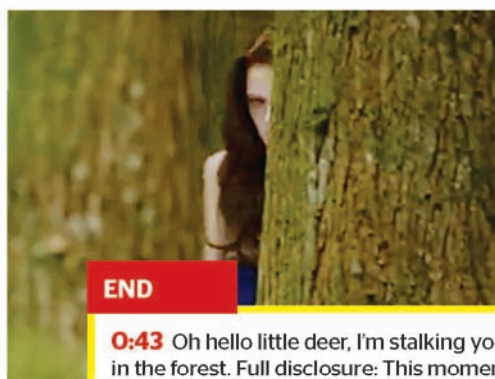


**START**

**0:08** Ooo, beautiful snowy hillside. Where could we be?



**0:13** Bam! THE RING. As a "Twi"-virgin, I had no clue what this meant, but the girl sitting next to me in the theater started shrieking, so it must have been important.

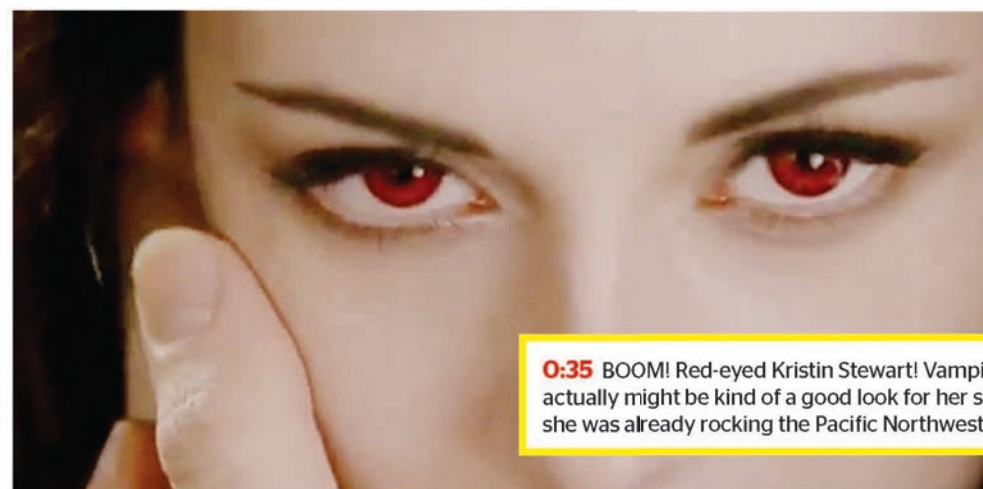


**END**

**0:43** Oh hello little deer, I'm stalking you in the forest. Full disclosure: This moment actually scared the bejesus out of me.



**0:38** In case you hadn't guessed, it's "Breaking Dawn: Part 2." The girl next to me was pretty much going into seizures of rhapsody by now.



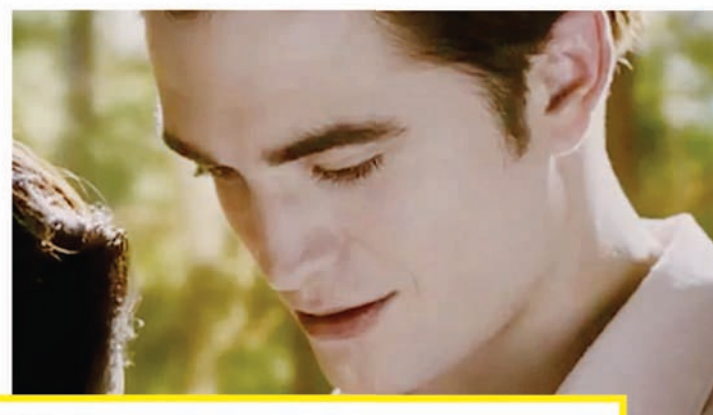
**0:35** BOOM! Red-eyed Kristin Stewart! Vampire actually might be kind of a good look for her since she was already rocking the Pacific Northwest pale.



**0:17** Female voiceover: "After 18 years of being utterly ordinary, I finally found that I can shine." Wow, somebody's got some great self-confidence. Wonder who it could be ...



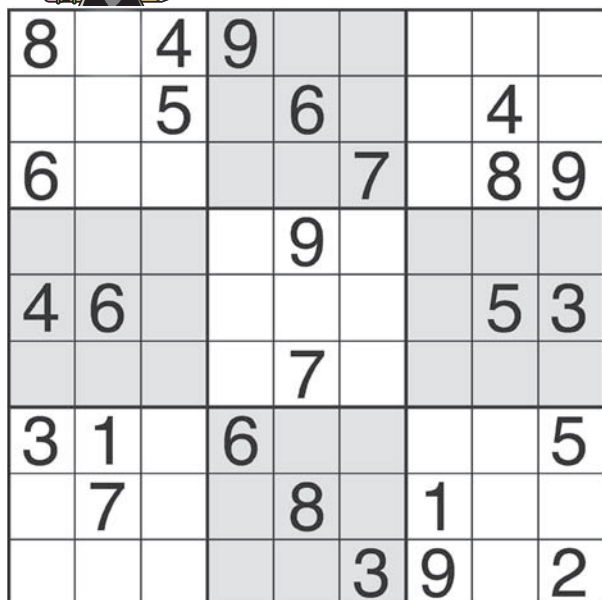
**0:23** Taylor Lautner, in the flesh (and in the shirt, sadly). It is at this point that I realize what I'm in for.



**0:33** "So beautiful. We're the same temperature now." Surely these are not the kind of seduction lines humans use on each other. But Edward's had a long time to think this up, because ...



# puzzles



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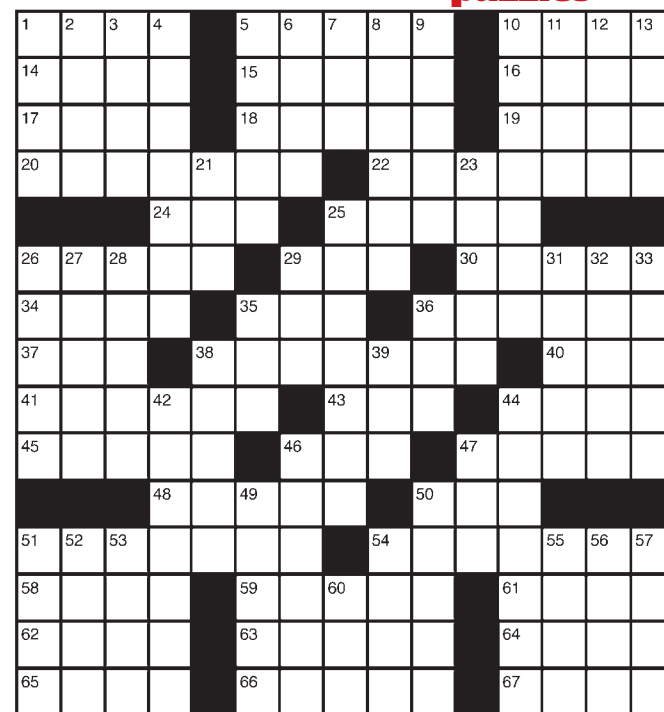
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## ACROSS

- 1 Sassy
- 5 Caramel candy brand
- 10 Sign of a wound healing
- 14 Learn by \_\_; memorize
- 15 Foyt or Gordon
- 16 Heavy book
- 17 Actress Moran
- 18 "Rigoletto" or "Carmen"
- 19 "Beware the \_\_ of March"
- 20 Downward slope
- 22 Lively; spirited
- 24 TV's " \_\_ Got a Secret"
- 25 Stringed instrument
- 26 Cuddly looking marsupial
- 29 Craze
- 30 Enjoys a book
- 34 Goes astray
- 35 In a \_\_; soon
- 36 \_\_ chloride; salt
- 37 In the past
- 38 Pope's home
- 40 Robert E. \_\_
- 41 Sampled
- 43 Eve's mate
- 44 Reveal a secret
- 45 Look of contempt
- 46 White lie
- 47 In the \_\_ of; surrounded by
- 48 Meat stock jelly
- 50 Tavern
- 51 Go forward
- 54 Purplish red
- 58 On drugs
- 59 Deadly snake
- 61 \_\_ up; bound
- 62 Lolling around
- 63 Shoe sole ridge
- 64 Besides
- 65 Malicious look
- 66 Pays attention
- 67 New Jersey hoopers

## DOWN

- 1 Mr. Flintstone
- 2 Knowledge of tradition
- 3 "It is what \_\_"
- 4 Writing instruments
- 5 Norway's dollar
- 6 Engrossed



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|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 7 Top club                | 28 Ascended                  | 46 Violin              |
| 8 Passionate              | 29 __ as a fiddle            | 47 Coffee cup          |
| 9 Characteristic          | 31 Felt miserable            | 49 Juicy fruit         |
| 10 Woke up                | 32 Sword fights              | 50 Sections            |
| 11 Ending musical passage | 33 Small bony fish           | 51 Golfer __ Mickelson |
| 12 Prayer ending          | 35 Corrupt                   | 52 Carousel, e.g.      |
| 13 At __; ideally         | 36 Mr. Houston               | 53 Make eyes at        |
| 21 Zsa Zsa's sister       | 38 Song stanza               | 54 Honey wine          |
| 23 British peer           | 39 Taxi                      | 55 Longest river       |
| 25 Mockingly derisive     | 42 Educator                  | 56 Examination         |
| 26 Ode writer John __     | 44 Many a Dalai Lama devotee | 57 Commotions          |
| 27 Heart or liver         |                              | 60 Poor grade          |

## TODAY IN THE YEAR...

- 1836:** The first Mormon temple, in Kirtland, Ohio, was dedicated.
- 1902:** The Chicago Daily News becomes the first-known entity to refer to the city's National League team using the "Cubs" nickname.
- 1998:** The Food and Drug Administration approved the anti-impotence drug Viagra.

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**red hot****\$1.29**

That's the price on iTunes of Megan Draper's (Jessica Pare) sexy rendition of "Zou Bisou Bisou" on Sunday's season premiere of "Mad Men." And yes, it will get stuck in your head.



**“I just say what I do. I have no talent. I have nothing to offer.”**

—Kendra Wilkinson, to **people.com**, giving a refreshing take on her status as a reality TV star



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**Heeere's Jimmy**

Which funny guy will host the Emmy Awards on Sept. 23? That would be Jimmy Kimmel, ABC announced Monday, according to **usmagazine.com**. Kimmel's hosting duties resume includes the American Music Awards and the ESPYs—and soon the White House Correspondents Dinner. Fingers crossed we get another “[Bleeping] Matt Damon” experience.

**Much music**

We're going to need a bigger concert poster. Sleigh Bells, Dirty Projectors and Flying Lotus are among the acts that have been added to the Pitchfork Music Festival lineup, organizers announced Monday. Three-day passes to the July 13-15 fest in Union Park have sold out, but day passes still are available. Get all the deets at **pitchfork.com**.

**Material world**

Careful, Madonna! Nicki Minaj makes an appearance on “MDNA,” Madge's album that dropped Monday, with an interesting lyric, **jezebel.com** reports. In “I Don't Give A,” Minaj rhymes: “We material girls, ain't nobody hotter, fox collar / See I really can't relate to your Volvo, and you can't get these shoes at Aldo.” As the website points out, Madonna's new shoe line (which will retail from \$89-349) is being sold at ... Aldo.

**Mommy practice**

There's no doubt about it: When baby Snock arrives, it will be swaddled in pink-trimmed leopard print. That's at least what Snooki wrapped a baby doll in last week for a walk in Jersey City, N.J., **usmagazine.com** reports. (Yes, you read that right: Preggers Snooki took a doll for a walk.) “Jersey Shore” bestie JWovv came along for the stroll, which was filmed for their upcoming spinoff—natch.

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